

IN THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

APPLICATION OF:

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TITLE: BARBELL PLATE WITH APERTURES FOR USE IN LIFTING THE PLATE

CONTINUATION OF APPLICATION SER. 09/687/354

FILING DATE OF PRIOR APPLICATION: 10/13/2000

EXAMINING GROUP: 3764

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Kindly consider the enclosed Declarations in connection with the Examination of the above indicated application,

REMARKS

Two Declarations are submitted in connection with the above indicated application. One of these "swears back" of references cited in the prior application of which the present application is a continuation. The other Declaration verifies the characteristics of Applicant's device as fully completed prior to the filing dates of the cited references.